States above the national average of birth rate

903. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE he pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of States in the country which are above the national average of birth rates;

(b) what is the number of States that have achieved better results and the factors responsible for this;, and

(c) what measures are being taken by Government to ensure effec tive implementation of the family planning programme, so as to bring down birth rates as contemplated in the Seventh Five Year Plan docu ments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The latest available estimates of Birth Rate from Sample Registration System of Registrar General, India relates to the year 1984. A statement containing state-wise and All India Birth Rates for 1984 is given (see below) Seven States and two Union Territories have the birth rates above the national level. Various Studies reveal that socioeconomic factors such as age at marriage, female *literacy* and infant mortality rate, besides the intervention through contraception influence levels of Birth Rate among the States.

(c) Government has prepared a well defined strategy to achieve the goals *set under the* family welfare programme. The main features of the strategy are: developing multi-sectoral linkages between the Family Welfare and other socio-economic developmental programmes; profes-sionalising the information, Education and Communication activities; ensuring full community participation by constitution of popular committees; Improving programme management and adopting differential area and group specific approaches; and Improving technical quality of services: In addition, States have been advised to organise family planning campaigns periodically with a view to impro- ving programme performance.

Statement

State-wise and AH India birth rates for 1984

SI. No.	State/ Union Territory	1984
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	31.2
2	Assam	35.3
3	Bihar	39.9
4	Gujarat	33.4
5	Haryana	37.2
6	Himachal Pradesh	30.8
7	Jammu & Kashmir	33.5
8	Karnataka	30.3

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9 Kerala	22.9
10 Madhya Pradesh	36.9
11. Maharashtra	31.1
12 Manipur	29.1
13 Meghalaya	38.3
14 Nagaland	20.7
15 Orissa	32.7
16 Punjab	30.3
17 Rajasthan	39.7
18 Sikkim .	31.7
19 Tamil Nadu	28.0
20 Tripura .	26 6
21 Uttar Pradesh	38 7
22 West Bengal	30 4
23 A&N Islands	30 4
24 Arunachal Pradesh .	34 5
25 Chandigarh	23 4
26 Dadra & Nagar Haveli	45 9
27 Delhi	310
28 Goa, Daman & Diu	20 7
29 Lakshadweep	29 7
30 Pondicherry	25 3
ALL INDIA	33 9

NOTE ; There is no Sample Registration System sample in Mizoram.

Railway line projects in West Bengal

904. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the new railway line projects for West Bengal which are under the consideration of the Government of India;

(b) the projects forwhich clea ranee has been given by
(c) the Central Government;

(d) whether necessarybudgetary provision has been or is

(e) being made for the projects which have cleared; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?